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SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RE BHALLOO/ALLEGED SMUGGLING CASE

1. CONSULATE HAS JUST LEARNED THAT MOHAMMED JUMA, LOCAL CARPENTER NORMALLY HIRED FOR CONSULATE WORK INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION OF LIFT VANS, WAS DETAINED, PRESUMABLY BY SECURITY, ABOUT NOON JANUARY 20. CANNOT AVOID CONCLUDING THAT JUMA ARREST RELATED TO ALLEGATIONS OF CONSULATE INVOLVEMENT IN CLOVE SMUGGLING.

2. ONLY RECENT MAJOR JOB PERFORMED BY JUMA FOR CONSULATE WAS CONSTRUCTION OF LIFT VANS FOR SHIPMENT OF MELLSTROMS HHE. PACKING, CLOSING AND BANDING OF LIFT VANS AT MELLSTROM'S RESIDENCE WAS CONDUCTED UNDER SUPERVISION OF MELLSTROMS THEMSELVES PLUS SEVERAL CONSULATE LOCAL AND TEMPORARY HIRE EMPLOYEES. ACCORDING CONSULATE RECORDS, LIFT VAN WAS SEALED DECEMBER 4 AND THAT DAY DECKLOADED ON M.V. JAMHURI WHICH, WE WERE INFORMED, SAILED FOR DAR ES SALAAM SAME NIGHT. CONSULATE IS EXPLORING WHAT WE CONSIDER REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT LIFT VAN DURING LIMITED TIME PRIOR TO SHIPMENT FROM ZANZIBAR MIGHT HAVE BEEN OPENED AND RESEALED AFTER BEING FILLED WITH CLOVES, WITH OR WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF ONE OR MORE CONSULATE LOCAL EMPLOYEES. BELIEVE IT EQUALLY ESSENTIAL THAT WE URGENTLY DEVELOP AS FULL A PICTURE AS POSSIBLE OF MOVEMENTS AND WHEREABOUTS OF MELLSTROM LIFT VAN SINCE
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ARRIVING IN DAR, AND REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THIS.

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ALSO REQUEST YOU ASCERTAIN FROM YOUR END AND IF POSSIBLE
TIME OF ARRIVAL OF JAMHURI.

3. CONSULATE CHAUFFEUR ADVISED US THIS MORNING THAT
YESTERDAY EVENING A FRIEND NOTICED WHAT APPEARED TO BE
MILITARY LOOKOUTS POSTED AT SMALL WAREHOUSE LEASED CONSULATE
FOR STORAGE OF PACKING MATERIALS. NO SIMILAR SCRUTINY EVIDENT
TODAY, BUT THESE TWO EVENTS, TOGETHER WITH OTHER RECENT
INCIDENTS, SUGGEST IT MORE LIKELY THAT GOZ IN FACT DOES
HARBOR SUSPICION THAT CONSULATE INVOLVED WITH CLOVE SMUGGLING.

4. FRUSTRATING ASPECT OF SITUATION IS THAT MATTER WENT TO
JUMBE, WHO PERSONALLY AUTHORIZED BHALLOO PICKUP ORDER AND
QUITE POSSIBLY ORDERED OTHER ACTIONS AS WELL, AND WHO NOW
IS OFF ON MAINLAND. AS THINGS STAND NO ONE HAS RAISED
MATTER AND THERE IS NO ONE WITH WHOM I CAN PROFITABLY
RAISE IT HERE.

5. ASSUMING I CAN GET RESERVATIONS TO DAR TOMORROW, HOPE
TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS MATTER IN GREATER DETAIL.
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